

April 2017 Municipal Election Council-referred Ballot Question on SB152 - Telecommunications

Councilmember Bill Murray
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- Colorado Senate Bill 05-152
 - 2005
 - "Competition in Utility and Entertainment Services Act"
 - Limited the authority of local governments to provide high-speed internet, cable television, and telecommunications to residents

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- SB 05-152 requires local governments to obtain voter approval to compete with the private sector
 - Since passage, 65 local governments have approved similar measures
 - Generally, voters have been overwhelmingly in support
 - El Paso County voters approved in November 2016

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- An affirmative vote to exempt the City from SB 152 does NOT require the City to enter the telecommunications business
 - Would allow for public-private partnerships
 - Address communities and businesses/sectors underserved by current providers
 - Restores local authority & flexibility taken away by SB 152.